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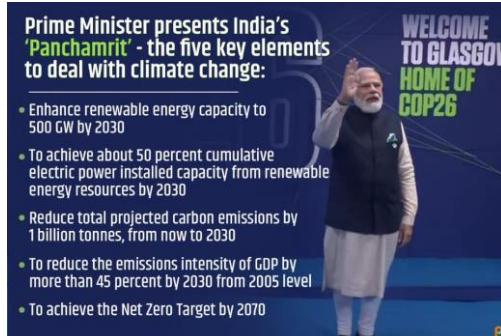


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### PM Modi Spells out India's Bold Climate Action at COP-26 in Glasgow



Speaking at the World Leaders' Summit of COP26 in Glasgow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the [5 key elements](#) of India's climate action:

- 500 GW non-fossil energy by 2030
- 50% energy from renewable sources by 2030
- 1 billion tonne carbon emissions reduction by 2030
- Carbon intensity reduction below 45% by 2030
- Achieve Net-Zero emissions by 2070

In his remarks, PM Modi stated that India is the only major economy that has delivered on the Paris Agreement commitments in letter and spirit. He highlighted that India has contributed only 5% to the global emissions, while constituting 17% of the global population. The PM stressed that countries that have failed to deliver on their promises about climate finance must ensure one trillion dollar climate finance at the earliest.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh also had a productive exchange on the sidelines of COP26. The two leaders expressed satisfaction on the developments in India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and agreed to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic ties in 2022 in a befitting manner.



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### PM Attends the ASEAN-India Summit and East Asia Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28 October participated in the 18th India-ASEAN Summit, during which the leaders announced the Year 2022 as India-ASEAN Friendship Year. PM underlined ASEAN's centrality in India's Act East Policy and in India's Vision for the wider Indo-Pacific Region. Building upon the synergies between the ASEAN Outlook for the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), PM Modi and ASEAN leaders welcomed the adoption of the India-ASEAN Joint Statement on Cooperation on the AOIP for Peace, Stability and Prosperity in the Region. On COVID-19, PM highlighted India's efforts in the fight against the pandemic in the region, as he reiterated support for ASEAN's initiatives in this regard. India has contributed medical supplies worth US\$200,000 to ASEAN's humanitarian initiative for Myanmar and US\$1 million for ASEAN's Covid-19 Response Fund. Both sides noted the importance of promoting a rules-based order in the region including through upholding adherence to international law, especially the UNCLOS. PM Modi also participated in the 16th East Asia Summit on 27 October.



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### PM at G20 Summit

During the first session of the G20 Summit held in Rome, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India is ready to produce 5 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccine by the end of 2022. He said that economic recovery requires increased international movement and mutual recognition of vaccine certificates issued by different countries needs to be ensured. He pointed out that the Covid-19 pandemic had alerted the world to the need for a reliable supply chain, and noted that India had emerged as a reliable manufacturing hub and had given new impetus to bold economic reforms.

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### PM Addresses the Nation on the 1 Billion Vaccination

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on achieving the milestone of 1 billion vaccinations on 22 October. Addressing the nation, the PM praised the difficult but remarkable feat of administering 1 billion vaccine doses. He attributed this achievement to the dedication of 1.3 billion citizens and said that the 1 billion vaccination mark was not just a figure, but a reflection of the strength of the country. The Prime Minister said vaccine hesitancy remains a major challenge even today in many major developed countries of the world. But the people of India have answered it by taking 1 billion vaccine doses. He said a campaign is 'everybody's effort' and if everyone's efforts are synergized, the results are amazing.



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### Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2021



The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2021- an apex international annual conference of the Indian Navy and the National Maritime Foundation of India was held on 27-29 October, focusing on the broad theme of "Evolution in Maritime Strategy during the 21st Century: Imperatives, Challenges, and, Way Ahead". Addressing the Dialogue, External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar stated that the Indo-Pacific is a fact of life as globalisation advances and becomes more diversified. He said that denying the Indo-Pacific is tantamount to denying globalisation. He also talked about de-risking the world from concentrated production and fragile supply chains. The region is expected to overcome psychological limitations to create more cooperation opportunities and the possibility that would involve greater participants would be based more on respect for laws, rules and norms.

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### India to Host DefExpo in 2022



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired the Ambassadors' Round Table for DefExpo 2022 on 25 October to brief the Ambassadors of foreign missions in India about the planning, arrangements and other details of DefExpo 2022, which will be held in Gujarat between 10-13 March 2022. Defence Minister said DefExpo 2022 will provide an overview of what India has been able to achieve in terms of defence R&D and production, application of modern technologies, and liberalised collaborative policies introduced by the Government in the last seven years. He informed that India's defence exports have grown by 334% in last five years and now India is exporting to more than 75 countries.

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## India Successfully Flight Tests 'ABHYAS'



ABHYAS-the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) was successfully flight-tested on 22 October by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Chandipur off the coast of Bay of Bengal. The vehicle can be used as an aerial target for evaluation of various missile systems. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO for the successful flight trial of ABHYAS. The current flight test is carried out as a part of developmental flight trials. This indigenous target aircraft, once developed, will meet the requirements of High-speed Expendable Aerial Targets (HEAT) for Indian Armed Forces.

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## India Launches Agni-5 Ballistic Missile



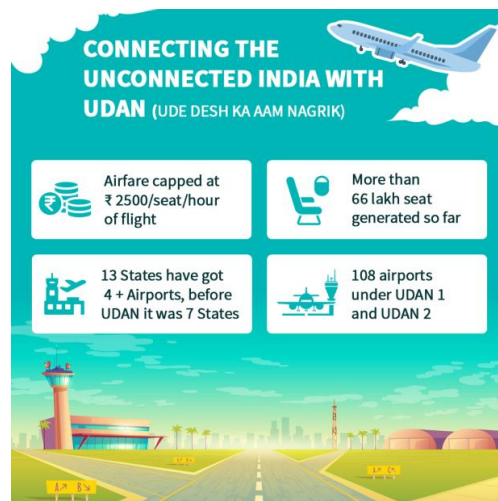
Towards a **Sashakt Bharat**  
**AATMANIRBHAR AGNI-V MISSILE SUCCESSFULLY TEST FIRED**  
Capable of hitting targets ranging upto 5000 kms  
Very high degree of accuracy  
Uses a three-stage solid fuelled engine  
'Credible minimum deterrence' & 'no first use'

India on 27 October carried out a successful launch of the surface-to-surface ballistic missile Agni-5. It is a new generation missile that uses a three-stage solid fuelled engine and is capable of reaching targets at ranges up to 5,000 kilometers with very high degree of accuracy. The successful test of Agni-5 is in line with India's stated policy to have 'credible minimum deterrence' that underpins the commitment to 'No First Use'.

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## INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

### Aviation Industry of India



India will become the 3rd largest aviation market in the world by 2024 given a rising proportion of middle-income households, healthy competition amongst Low-Cost Carriers, infrastructure buildup at leading airports and supportive policy framework. In 2010, 79 million people traveled to/from/or within India by air. By 2017, that number doubled to 158 million, and is expected to treble to 520 million by 2037. With the air passenger traffic projected to increase, the Indian aviation industry is on a high-growth path.

The government also aims to develop 100 airports by 2024 and expects to invest US\$1.83 billion in the development of airport infrastructure by 2026.

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### BUSINESS SENTIMENT at its peak; SHARP RECOVERY post 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID wave

Business Confidence Index (BCI) has increased by 89% (q-o-q) in 2021-22:Q2



### Boost in India's BCI by nearly 90%

India recorded a boost in Business Confidence Index (BCI) by nearly 90% in Q2 over Q1 of 2021, according to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). Poonam Gupta, Director General, NCAER said, "The current BES survey points to a recovery in business sentiments post the second wave of the pandemic. The recovery is broad-based across firm size, ownership, and industrial sectors".

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## INCREDIBLE INDIA

### PM Modi Inaugurates International Airport at Kushinagar



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Kushinagar International Airport on 20 October. Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said that India is the centre of the faith of Buddhist society around the world. This region, the Prime Minister said, is witness to the entire journey from the enlightenment of Lord Buddha to *Mahaparinirvana*. Today this important region is getting directly connected to the world. The Prime Minister highlighted the special focus on the development of the places associated with Lord Buddha through better connectivity and the creation of facilities for the devotees.

The Kushinagar International Airport has been built at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.6 billion (US\$ 34.8 million). It will facilitate domestic and international pilgrims to visit the site where Lord Buddha attained his *Mahaparinirvana* and is an endeavour in connecting the Buddhist pilgrimage sites in India with the world.

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### Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train



The [Buddhist Circuit Tourist Train](#) is a special tourist train launched by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited under a tourism promotion programme of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The train runs along the Buddhist Circuit and covers all prominent locations linked to the life of Lord Buddha, including Delhi, Gaya, Rajgir, Nalanda, Varanasi, Sarnath, Lumbini, Kushinagar, Sravasti and Agra. The train provides passengers a 5-star hotel experience with professional services offered by the staff.



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### Ambassador Visits Northern Province of Lao Cai



As part of Embassy's provincial outreach in Vietnam, Ambassador Pranay Verma visited the northern province of Lao Cai on 22-23 October. During the visit, Ambassador met with the Provincial Party Secretary Dang Xuan Phong and Chairman of People's Committee Trinh Xuan Truong. They had extensive discussions regarding a number of potential areas of cooperation. During Ambassador's visit, an MOU was signed between the Embassy

and the provincial authorities for construction of a new block of classrooms at Trung Chai Kindergarten in Sa Pa through Government of India's Quick Impact Project (QIP) programme. The project will facilitate basic schooling for more than 100 children of Trung Chai commune with an Indian grant assistance of US\$ 50,000. To mark the 50th Anniversary of India-Vietnam diplomatic relations, Ambassador and Chairman of the province planted a tree in the premises of People's Committee Office at Lao Cai.

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### Embassy Signs MoU with 8 Provinces for Development Projects

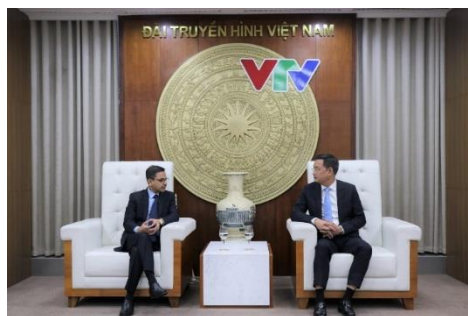


At an online ceremony held on 27 October, the Embassy of India signed MoUs with the People's Committee of eight provinces of Vietnam – Ha Tinh, Hai Phong, Khanh Hoa, Nghe An, Quang Binh, Quang Ngai, Quang Tri and Tuyen Quang – for implementing 8 Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) with Indian grant assistance in education, irrigation, water supply and social welfare sectors. Earlier this month, the MoUs for two QIPs – one each in Yen Bai and Lao Cai provinces – were also signed.

Addressing the online event, Ambassador Pranay Verma highlighted the tangible and rapid benefits QIPs brought to the local community and their contributions to Vietnam's Sustainable Development Goals. On behalf of People's Committees of eight provinces present at the signing ceremony, the Vice Chairman of People's Committee of Quang Binh, Mr. Ho An Phong appreciated the benefits of these small projects in remote and difficult areas of Vietnam and their supportive role in the socio-economic development efforts of the local Governments.

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### Ambassador Meets President of VTV



Ambassador Pranay Verma met the newly-appointed President of VTV - Vietnam's national television, and Central Committee Member of Communist Party of Vietnam, Le Ngoc Quang on 29 October. They discussed various proposals for media cooperation between India and Vietnam and agreed to work together to showcase the 50th anniversary of India-Vietnam diplomatic relations and the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.





## Online Interaction on India-Vietnam Business Cooperation in Aquatic Products

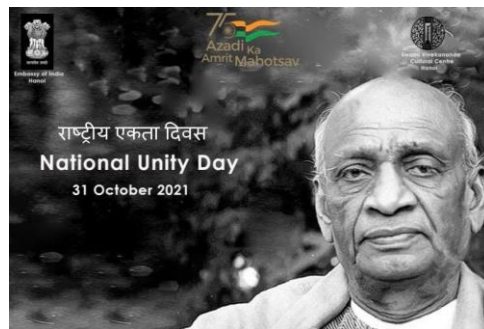


The Embassy of India in Hanoi and the Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh City jointly organised an on-line interaction on "India-Vietnam Business Cooperation in Aquatic Products" on 27 October 2021 which brought together relevant chambers and enterprises of India and Vietnam to discuss opportunities for enhancing bilateral trade in seafood and fisheries. Aquatic products are an important component of India-Vietnam bilateral trade.

Ambassador Pranay Verma gave opening remarks at the event, highlighting India's strengths in aquatic products and the significance of seafood and fisheries industry in bilateral trade with Vietnam. He called upon businesses from both sides to build new partnerships in this sector.

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## Embassy Holds Week-long Celebration to Mark the National Unity Day



A week-long commemoration of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) — the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31 October 2021 — culminated with Ambassador administering the National Unity Pledge to all officials of the Embassy. The week-long celebrations comprised special events organized by the Embassy to celebrate the life and vision of Sardar Patel.

These included a special webinar on the "Vision and Contributions of Sardar Patel for India's National Unity and Nation-building" held on 30 October with the participation of scholars from India and Vietnam. Earlier, the Embassy hosted a special #VandeBharatQuiz on 25 October that focused on the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel in India's freedom struggle; and a webinar on 27 October on the "influence of India's freedom struggle on anti-colonial movements in Asia and Africa".

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